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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Aurora Food Pantry's Reaching New Heights project in fiscal year 2024.

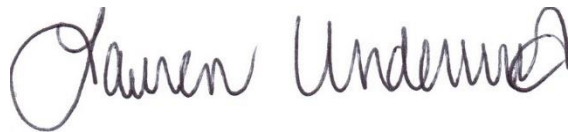
The entity to receive funding for this project is the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry, located at 1110 Jericho Road, Aurora, Illinois 60506.

The funding would be used to renovate and upgrade the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry's facility, allowing them to expand their operations and improve accessibility to their services. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would enable the Food Pantry to greatly strengthen and expand their efforts to address the underlying causes of food insecurity, poverty, unemployment, and lack of housing.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(5).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Crest Hill Corrosion Control Treatment Study project in fiscal year 2024.

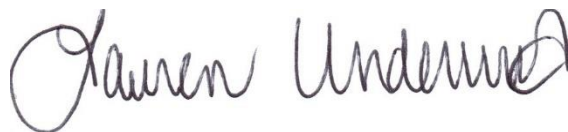
The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Crest Hill, located at 1610 Plainfield Rd Crest Hill, IL 60403.

The funding would be used to study the interaction between Crest Hill's existing water pipes and the anticipated alternative water source from Lake Michigan. This is a necessary and important step to prepare for the transition because it ensures the City can properly treat the new water and alleviate any quality issues before the new water is distributed to homes. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it ensures a long term, safe, and reliable water source for residents. Federal taxpayer funds being used on this study shows the commitment on a local, state, and federal level that we take this essential right to clean and safe drinking water seriously.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the New High Producing Water Well project in La Salle, Illinois in fiscal year 2024.

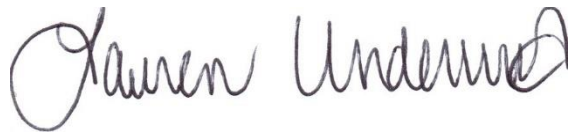
The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of La Salle, located at 745 2nd St, La Salle, Illinois 61301.

The funding would be used to construct a new, high producing well outside of the floodplain, which will allow for accessibility during an emergency or flooding. The City currently has five operating wells, all located near the Illinois River in a FEMA-established floodplain. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is necessary to ensure La Salle residents and businesses have a safe and reliable water supply.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the North Fire and Ambulance Station project in Ottawa, Illinois in fiscal year 2024.

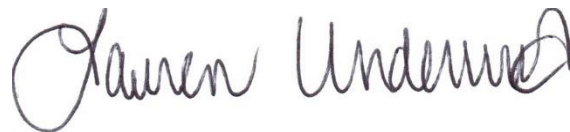
The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Ottawa, located at 301 W Madison St, Ottawa, Illinois 61350.

The funding would be used to construct a new fire and ambulance station in the northern area of the City of Ottawa. This area is too far from the downtown fire station and experiences substandard emergency response times, and emergency vehicles are frequently blocked by trains. A new fire station is needed to improve response times, better protect residents, and allow industrial development to move forward safely. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a new fire and ambulance station is needed to improve response times, better protect residents, and allow industrial development to move forward safely.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Joliet Youth Innovation Center project in fiscal year 2024.

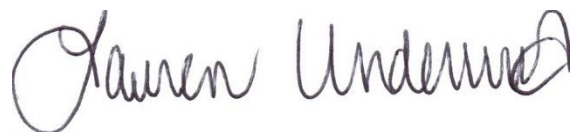
The entity to receive funding for this project is the Greater Joliet Area YMCA, located at 749 Houbolt Road, Joliet, Illinois 60431.

The funding would be used to renovate approximately 4,000 square feet of youth classrooms at the Joliet Salvation Army Corps Center to establish the Joliet Salvation Army – YMCA Youth Innovation Center, created in partnership between the YMCA and Salvation Army in Joliet. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would develop a robust child care offering in a community with high need, enabling parents to remain in the workforce and strengthening the local economy. The Center's programming would support youth academic achievement and equip children with in-demand skills in science, technology, the arts, and math—preparing them for the careers of the future.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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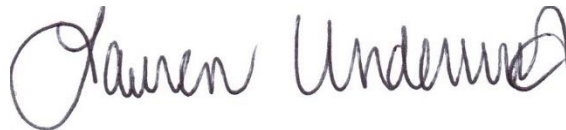
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Supportive Services for Sexual Assault Victims in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Guardian Angel Community Services, located at 168 North Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432. The funding would be used for six full-time staff positions; office equipment, supplies, and related expenditures at the organization's primary Sexual Assault Service Center and two satellite locations; and the maintenance of a 24-hour hotline for survivors of sexual assault. The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will allow Guardian Angel Community Services to provide critical victims' services to survivors of any type of sexual violence and their non-offending significant others, as well as sexual abuse prevention education in the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Hinckley Library Renovation project in fiscal year 2024.

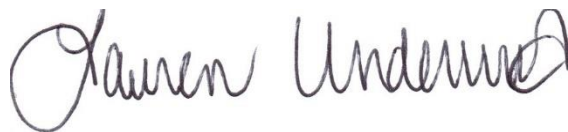
The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hinckley Public Library District, located at 100 Maple St, Hinckley, Illinois 60520.

The funding would be used to complete the second phase of the rehabilitation and renovation of the new home of the Hinckley Public Library: a 6,000-square-foot building in the heart of downtown Hinckley. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable the Library to serve as a stable long-term anchor in the community and ensure mobility-challenged residents are no longer excluded from important community events and connections.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4) and 5305(a)(5).

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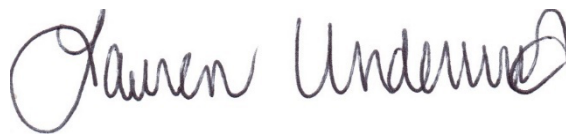
I am requesting funding for a Training Activity Operations Apron at Lewis University Airport (LOT) Chicago-Romeoville in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Joliet Regional Port District, located at #1 Executive Terminal, George J. Michas Drive, Romeoville, IL 60446.

The funding would be used to expand the available aircraft staging and operating apron pavement area for the growing pilot flight training schools at LOT. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve efficiency and safety in airport operations, help address our nation's shortage of both pilots and pilot training options, and support the airport which is a major local economic engine.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Kendall County Food Pantry Infrastructure Improvement project in fiscal year 2024.

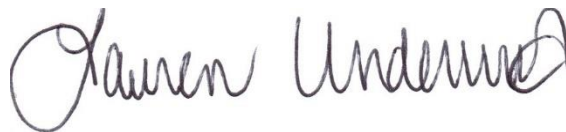
The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kendall County Community Food Pantry, located at 208 Beaver St, Yorkville, Illinois 60560.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate the Kendall County Community Food Pantry facility to provide a more accessible and energy efficient environment for their food distribution services. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it allows the food pantry to concentrate their efforts and resources on their core mission and expertise— addressing food insecurity in the local community. Access to healthy food at no cost not only supports community health and well-being, it can enable individuals to continue working, protecting their livelihoods and strengthening the local economy.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4) and 5305(a)(5).

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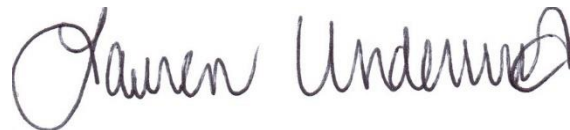
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Advancing Research in Next-Generation Semiconductor Manufacturing in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lewis University located at One University Parkway, Romeoville, IL 60446. The funding would be used for a project to promote the modernization of semiconductor manufacturing processes through research into the development of new production methods and technologies at a state-of-the-art semiconductor innovation and workforce development center on the campus of Lewis University. The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will support research to promote innovation in the semiconductor industry in Illinois and nationwide, helping to boost domestic semiconductor manufacturing, which will protect American economic and national security in the 21st century.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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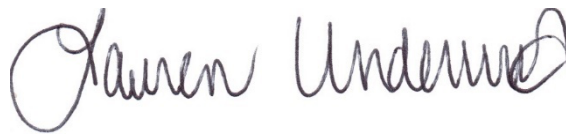
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Pace Electric Bus - Plainfield, IL in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pace Bus, located at 550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. The funding would be used for purchase of an electric bus for Pace's fleet. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow Pace to continue to provide much-needed service in suburban areas and to contribute to improved public health through lowering fleet emissions.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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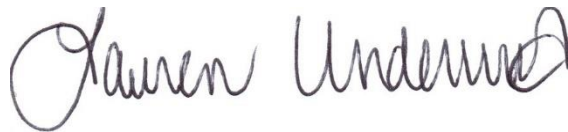
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Building New Beginnings Emergency Shelter for Victims of Violence in DeKalb County, Illinois in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Safe Passage Inc., located at PO Box 621, DeKalb, IL 60115. The funding would be used for the construction of a 24/7 emergency shelter serving victims of domestic, sexual, and dating violence, as well as stalking and human trafficking, in DeKalb County and the surrounding community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because without this funding, adults and children facing serious and immediate threats of violence will be turned away from a shelter that could provide immediate safety and long-term support.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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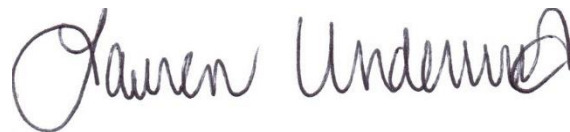
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lockport, Illinois project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used for an environmental infrastructure project to improve wastewater management, including stormwater management, in the city of Lockport, Illinois. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is authorized under Public Law 117-263 to meet critical wastewater management needs in Lockport and beyond, with a particular focus on underserved children in the Will County community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 8375 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Elevated Water Tank Rehabilitation project in Newark, Illinois in fiscal year 2024.

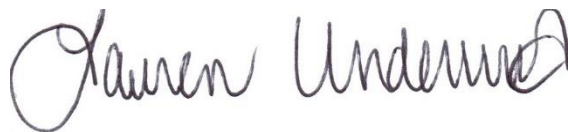
The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Newark, located at 101 W Lions St, Newark, Illinois 60541.

The funding would be used for a full rehabilitation and painting of the Village of Newark's existing 50,000-gallon elevated water storage tank, including lead paint removal containment and disposal. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is necessary to ensure Newark residents and businesses have a safe and reliable water supply.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Village of Romeoville Spangler Sanitary Lift Station Replacement project in fiscal year 2024.

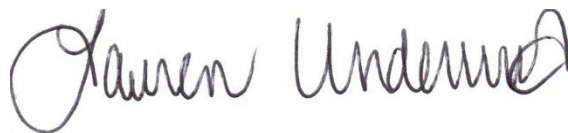
The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Romeoville, located at 1050 W. Romeo Road, Romeoville, Illinois, 60446.

The funding would be used to replace the Village's sanitary lift station, which is currently causing wastewater back-ups in the community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses the clear health and environmental hazards of wastewater exposure for the nearly 10,000 residents served by the lift station, as well as businesses and customers in the downtown area, and patrons of the public facilities served by the station, including recreational facilities, schools, and a library. Additionally, this is a cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars, as the Village will construct the new lift station on the same village-owned site as the current station, requiring less expense for acquiring new land.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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